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AGENDA



Thursday, October 19, 2006

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Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 11

Subject Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an outside counsel contract with Clarion Associates, LLC, Denver, CO, for legal services related to the consultation and drafting of new commercial development and design standards for the City, in an amount not to exceed \$68,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$164,000. This will cover the contract through the end of the project.

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$68,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached.

Additional Backup Material
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No Attachments Available

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Prior Council Action Council approved an increase in the contract amount on March 2, 2006.

On May 12, 2005, Council approved a Task Force report on Commercial Design Standards titled "Raising the Design Standards in Austin, Texas". On November 17, 2005, the Council approved a set of revisions to the Task Force report.

The City entered into a contract with Clarion Associates, LLC on January 6, 2006, for consulting and for drafting new commercial development and design standards for the City in the amount of \$45,000. Council approved an increase in this contract on March 2, 2006, in the amount of \$51,000. The increase brought the total not to exceed contract amount to \$96,000. This item is to increase the contract amount by \$68,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$164,000. This will cover the contract through the end of the project.

The added costs are attributable to additional time and work needed to complete the project. Examples include preparation of additional drafts of the policy document and additional time spent in consultation with staff and Task Force members than originally contemplated. Clarion will also create application forms to reflect the requirements of the new regulations as they did with single family regulations.